

A NEW STONE GECKO FROM THE HIMALAYA.

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In the Summer of 1921 I obtained a series of a small *Gymnodactylus* at Jutogh near Simla. By the kindness of Miss Procter, I have been able to compare these with specimens from the British Museum collection. I find that they belong to a hitherto unrecognized species, of which one example already existed in the B. M. collection, incorrectly catalogued as *G. stoliczkæ*. This specimen was presented by Colonel Wall, C.M.G., I.M.S., from Chitral. It is a very young specimen minus the tail. The new lizard appears to be closest to *G. stoliczkæ* but is separated by the following points:—

- | <i>G. stoliczkæ.</i> | <i>G. sp.</i> |
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| (a) Infra-femoral scales large, markedly larger than the ventrals; 4 or 5 in transverse series. | (a) Infra-femoral scales small not larger than the ventrals; 9-13 in transverse series. |
| (b) Ventrals larger; 21 rows. | (b) Ventrals smaller; 27-33 rows. |
| (c) No præ-anal pores. | (c) Præ-anal pores present in the male. |
| (d) External ear-opening minute. | (d) External ear-opening moderate. |
| (e) Hind limb over 60 per cent. of the body length. | (e) Hind limb 50 per cent. of body length or under. |

I have great pride and pleasure in naming the new lizard in honour of its distinguished discoverer.

Gymnodactylus walli sp. n.

Synonym.—*Gymnodactylus stoliczkæ* Glundachen. Wall. Journ., Bom. N. H. S., Vol. XXI, P. 132.

Specimens. 1 ♂ 2 ♀ 1 Hgr. 1 yg.

Localities.—Chitral 1. Jutogh 4.

Type.—A young specimen from Chitral; British Museum Reg. No. 1910-7-12-1.

Description.—Small, elongate, somewhat depressed. Head rather large, little depressed, ovoid; snout slightly longer than distance from eye to ear-opening; ear-opening moderate, oval, largest diameter oblique, measuring in adults 1.5 mm. when fully expanded; eye moderate; limbs moderate; hind limb not more than 50 per cent. of length from snout to vent. Tail cylindrical or slightly depressed.

Lepidosis.—Head, body and limbs covered with numerous sub-equal granules with a few larger granules irregularly intermixed; granules larger on snout and tending to enlargement on the flanks. Subgular scales very small, ventrals moderate, in about 30 longitudinal rows; no lateral fold. Tail ringed with imbricating moderate sized scales, larger below. Each fourth ring shows three large leaf shaped scales, which form longitudinal series, two scale rows apart.

Males with five præ-anal pores; arranged in a flat chevron.

Colouration.—Grey above, irregularly banded or blotched with blackish. Tail with 9 or 10 dark cross bands.